

**DECLARATION AND  
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(Utility Patent Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

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the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto
- ☐ was filed on    as Application Serial  
                    No.    with amendment(s) filed \_\_\_\_\_
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Section 119 of Title 35, United States Code for the above-identified US patent application based on the patent or inventor's certificate identified below and having a filing date before that of the US patent application for which priority is claimed:

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Section 119(e) of Title 35 of the United States Code of any  
United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the  
subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not  
disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner  
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